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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF PERUVIAN SEA-OUT LETTERS

1. APRIL 5 EDITIONS OF LA PAZ DAILES GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO SEPARATE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR BOLIVIA'S SEA-OUTLET ASPIRATIONS FROM PERU'S PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE. THE PERUVIAN LETTERS WERE IN REPLY, RESPECTIVELY, TO RECENT LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT BANZER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ADRIAZOLA EXPLAINING BOLIVIA'S DECISION TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH CHILE.

2. THE MORALES BERMUDEZ LETTER, DATED MARCH 29, WAS DELIVERED TO BANZER PERSONALLY BY PERU'S MINISTER OF HEALTH MAJOR GENERAL OSCAR DAVILA ZUMATEA ON APRIL 4. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS SERVICE LATIN, THE LETTER -- THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS RELEASED BY THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY -- PLEDGED THAT PERU WOULD "CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOLUTION OF THE JUST BOLIVIAN ASPIRATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF JURIDICAL MEANS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT, IN HARMONY WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED, AND IN A MANNER THAT STRENGTHENS PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES."

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3. LATIN REPORTS THAT THE DE LA PUENTA LETTER, DATED MARCH 23, STATES THAT PERU HAS "MAINTAINED INTACT" ITS INTEREST IN HELPING TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION TO BOLIVIA'S GEOGRAPHIC ENCLOSURE, ALONG THE LINES REPEATED BY MORALES BERMUDEZ ABOVE. LATIN SPECULATES THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT RELEASED THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT REPORTS

THAT PERU HAD BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF BOLIVIA'S
INTENTIONS TO BREAK TIES WITH CHILE.

4. COMMENT. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS SEIZED UPON THE PERUVIAN
LETTERS AS A REAFFIRMATION OF THE JUSTICE OF BOLIVIA'S SEA-
OUTLET QUEST. ALTHOUGH THE LETTERS REPRESENT NO CHANGE IN
THE PERUVIAN POSITION, THEIR HEAVY PLAY IS YET ANOTHER
INDICATION THAT THE SEA ISSUE HAS A HIGH PRIORITY
ON BOLIVIAN EMOTIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO COMMANDEER
HEADLINES, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PRE-ELECTORAL
PERIOD.
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